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Applicant(s) : Thomas J. Klofta, et al.
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Customer No. : 27752

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

I, Thomas James Klofta, of Cincinnati, Ohio, the undersigned, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a graduate of University of Arizona having received a Ph.D. degree in Chemistry from said institution in 1986. I have been employed by The Procter & Gamble Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, assignee of the present application, from 1986 until present. During this time, I have worked in the area of Baby Care product development with emphasis on skin health, lotion formulation, sensor development, and quantitative and qualitative analytical chemistry.

2. Prior to April 23, 1999, the earliest filing date of U.S. Patent No. 6,149,934 to Krzysik et al., I conceived and reduced to practice in the United States an absorbent article comprising a skin care composition disposed on a wearer-contacting surface of the absorbent article. The completed skin care composition comprised from about 10 to about 95 weight percent of an emollient, from about 5 to about 95 weight percent of a wax, and from about 0.1 to about 25 weight percent of a rheological agent

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selected from the group consisting of poly- α -olefins, polyethylene, castor oil derivatives, alkyl galactomannan, polyethylene and vinyl acetate copolymers, fumed silicas, zinc stearate, cetyl hydroxy ethyl cellulose and other modified celluloses, and mixtures thereof. The completed skin care composition was applied to a liquid permeable topsheet of a diaper. The diaper further comprised an apertured polymer backsheet and an absorbent core disposed between the backsheet and topsheet.

3. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. All statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18, of the United States Code, and with the knowledge that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issued thereon.

10-27-2005

Date


Thomas James Klofta

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